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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement imposed under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is respectfully requested.

A restriction to either invention I, consisting of claims 1-11 drawn to a method of facilitating damping of a dynamoelectric machine, classified in class 29, subclass 596, or invention II, consisting of claims 12-26, drawn to a damping apparatus of electric machine, classified in class 310, subclass 51, was imposed. In response, Applicants confirm the election with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 12-26.

The requirement for election is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I and II are clearly related. Applicants submit that a thorough search and examination of either Group would be relevant to the examination of the other Group and would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. Additionally, requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. 121. Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.

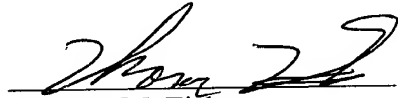
Also, Applicants elect, with traverse, the species of Figures 2-6. Applicants submit that Claims 12-20 read on the elected species. Claim 12 is generic.

The requirement for election is traversed because the species clearly are related. Applicants respectfully submit that a thorough search and examination of any particular species would be relevant to the examination of the other species, and would not be a serious

burden on the examiner. Additionally, requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.

Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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